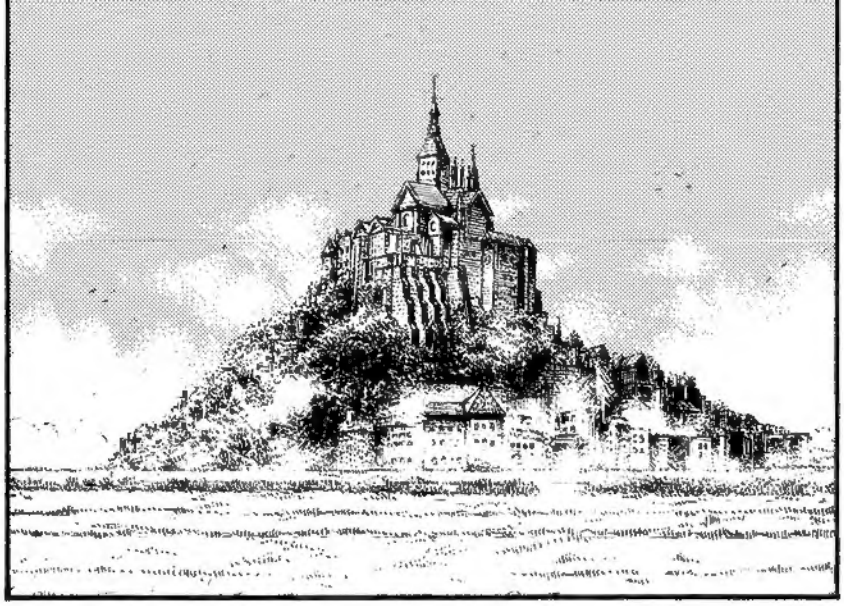

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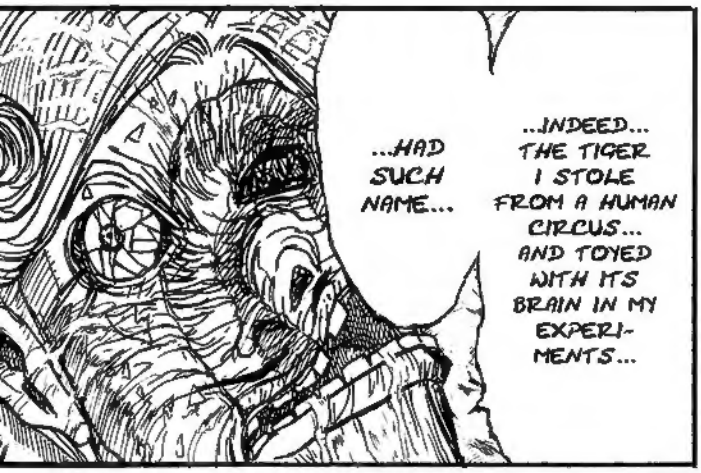
...HAD SUCH NAME...
...INDEED... THE TIGER I STOLE FROM A HUMAN CIRCUS... AND TOYED WITH ITS BRAIN IN MY EXPERI-MENTS...

IS THAT TRUE?
BEFORE YOU LEFT KUROGA VILLAGE, YOU SAID YOU EXPERIMENTED ON A TIGER CALLED BEAST TO CREATE THESE MYTHICAL BEASTS.

WHAT... ABOUT IT...?

MY SISTER WAS AN ANIMAL TAMER... SHE WAS KILLED BY BEAST...
HEHI HEHI HEHI... I SEE...
SO THAT TIGER I DISPOSED OF... WENT TO YOUR CIRCUS...
THEN... I CLAIMED VICTORY AGAINST YOUR SISTER...
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AND YET... I HAVE BEEN UTTERLY DEFEATED... BY YOU...

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...IT'S STRANGE... I DIDN'T COME HERE TO TAKE REVENGE ON MY SISTER...
LET'S GO, UNICORN!
WE CAN CREATE A GAP TO SAVE MASARU-SAN AND SHIROGANE-SAN IF WE DISTRACT THE ENEMIES INSIDE!!
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BUT... I FEEL AS IF SOMETHING INSIDE ME HAS "UNBOUND-ED..."
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THE ONE IN MOST DANGER AT THE MOMENT... IS THE YOUNG MASTER!
...I NEED TO HELP HIM...
WHO IS IT!?
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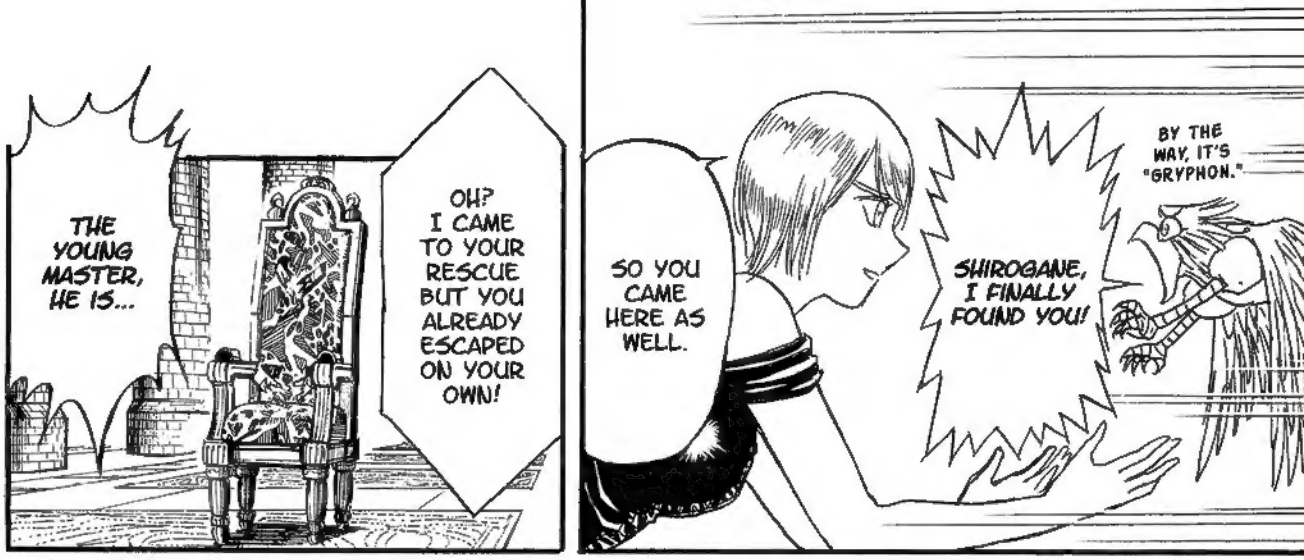
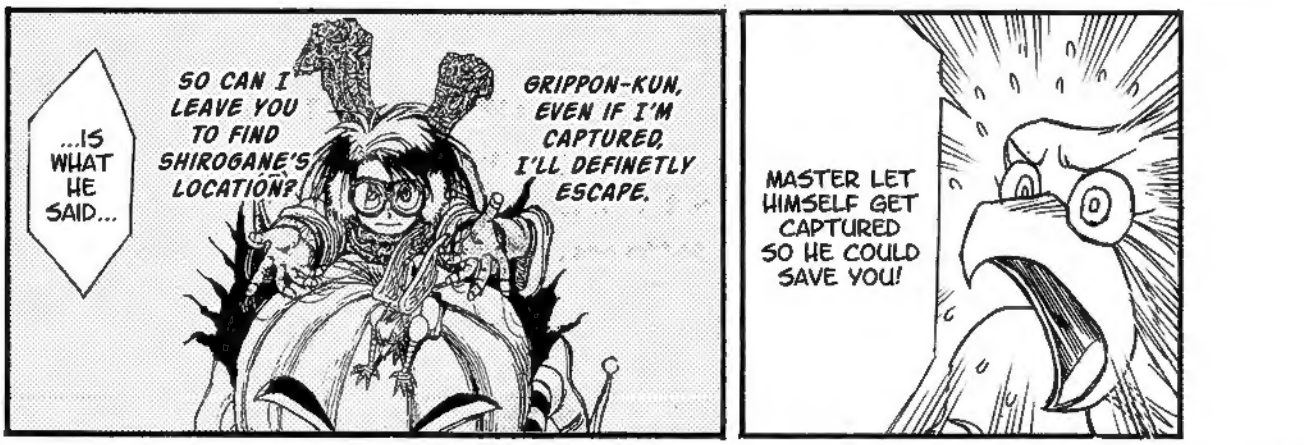
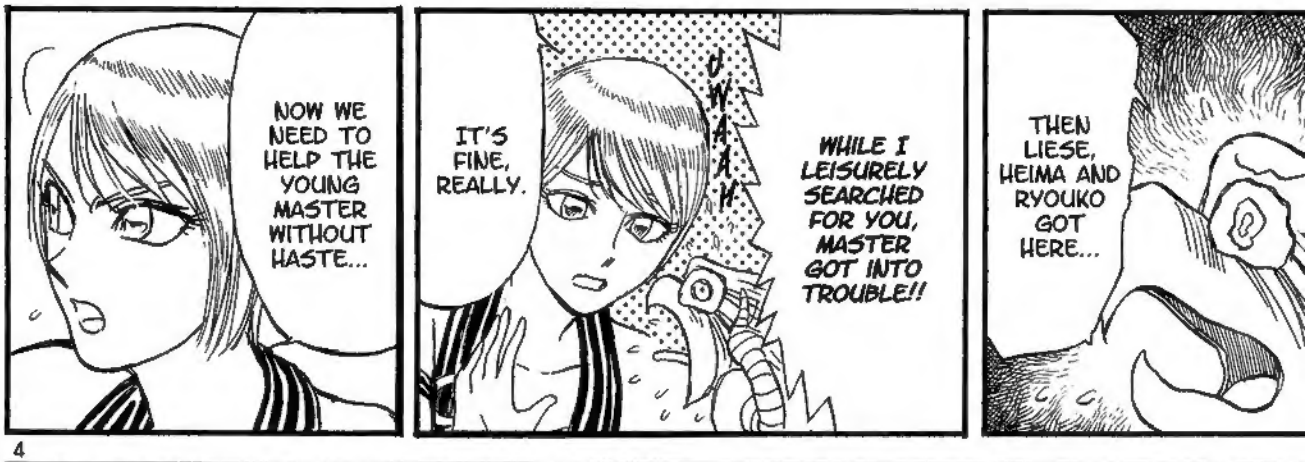
WHY IS THIS DOOR SO DAMN HARD?
GRIPPON-SAN!
THANK GOOD-NESS ...
THEY'RE ALL SAFE FOR NOW...


THE YOUNG MASTER, HE IS...
OH? I CAME TO YOUR RESCUE BUT YOU ALREADY ESCAPED ON YOUR OWN!
SO YOU CAME HERE AS WELL.
SHIROGANE, I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
BY THE WAY, IT'S "GRYPHON."


...IS WHAT HE SAID...
SO CAN I LEAVE YOU TO FIND SHIROGANE'S LOCATION?
GRIPPON-KUN, EVEN IF I'M CAPTURED, I'LL DEFINETLY ESCAPE.
MASTER LET HIMSELF GET CAPTURED SO HE COULD SAVE YOU!


NOW WE NEED TO HELP THE YOUNG MASTER WITHOUT HASTE...
IT'S FINE, REALLY.
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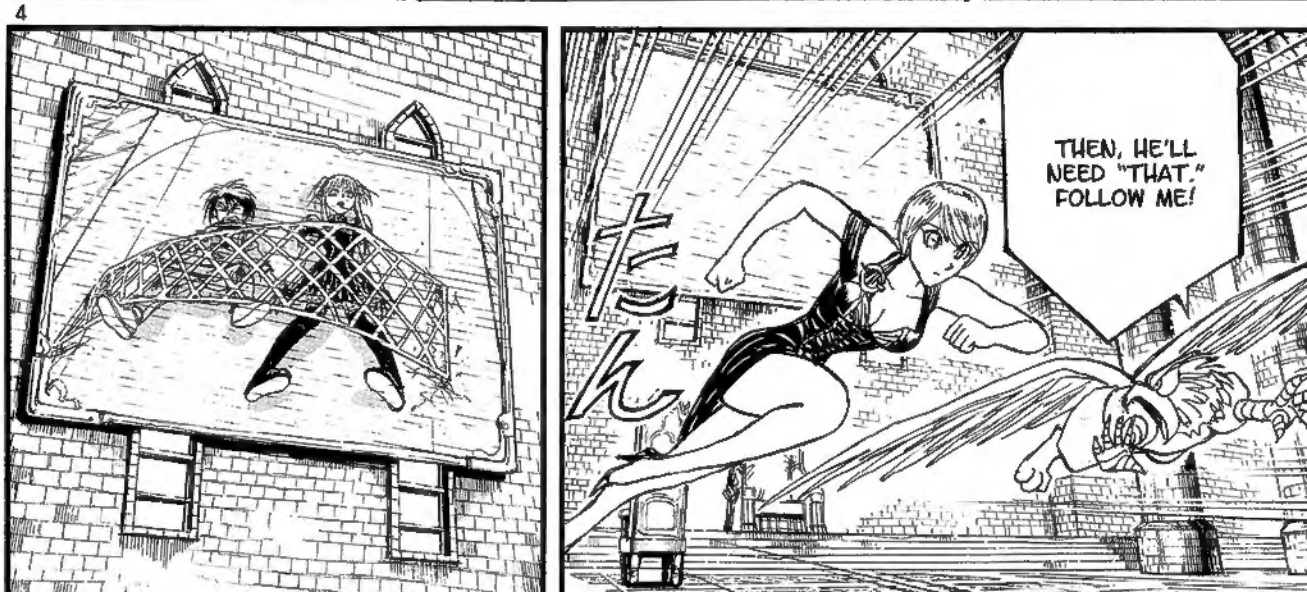
WHILE I LEISURELY SEARCHED FOR YOU, MASTER GOT INTO TROUBLE!!
THEN LIESE, HEIMA AND RYOUKO GOT HERE...


THEN, HE'LL NEED "THAT." FOLLOW ME!

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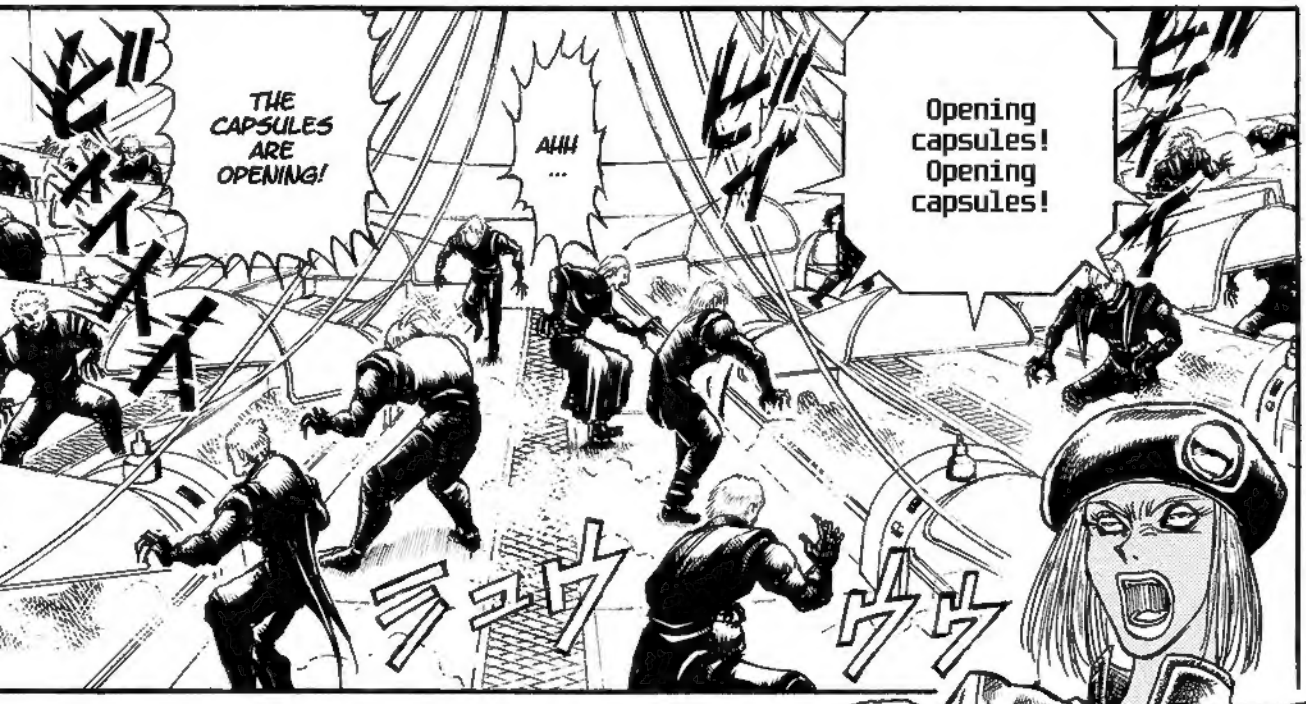
Adjustments to external environment concluded...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THE CAPSULES ARE OPENING!
AHH ...
Opening capsules! Opening capsules!
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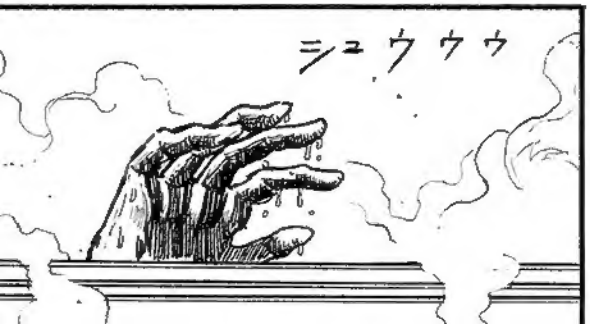
A-AND OUR BODIES ARE...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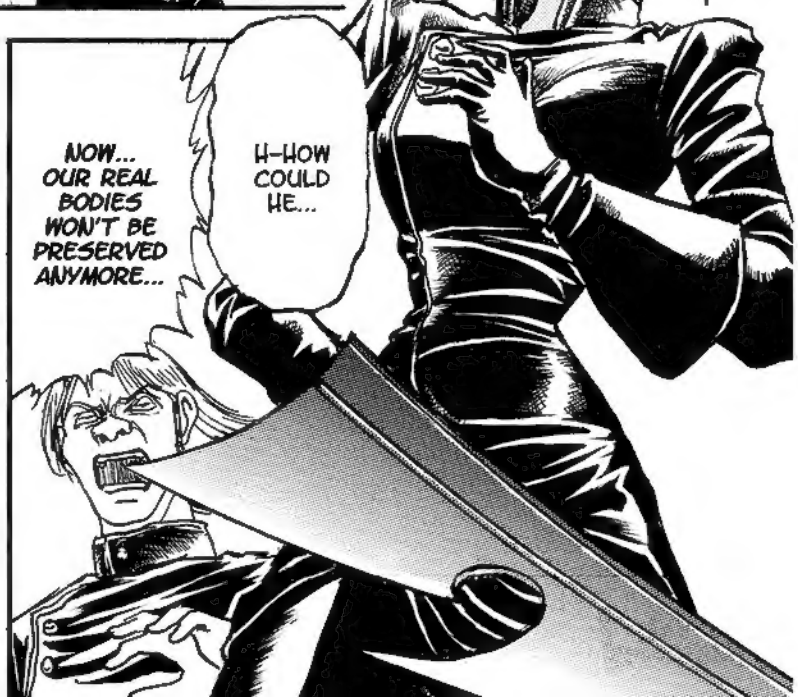
NOW... OUR REAL BODIES WON'T BE PRESERVED ANYMORE...
H-HOW COULD HE...

OHHHHH
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I NEED TO BE PRESERVED FOREVER... SO I'LL NEVER DIE!
AUH... AUH...
NO, YOU CAN'T GET UP!
I WON'T AGE INSIDE THE CAPSULE!!
AH... AH...
I... I KILLED MYSELF...?
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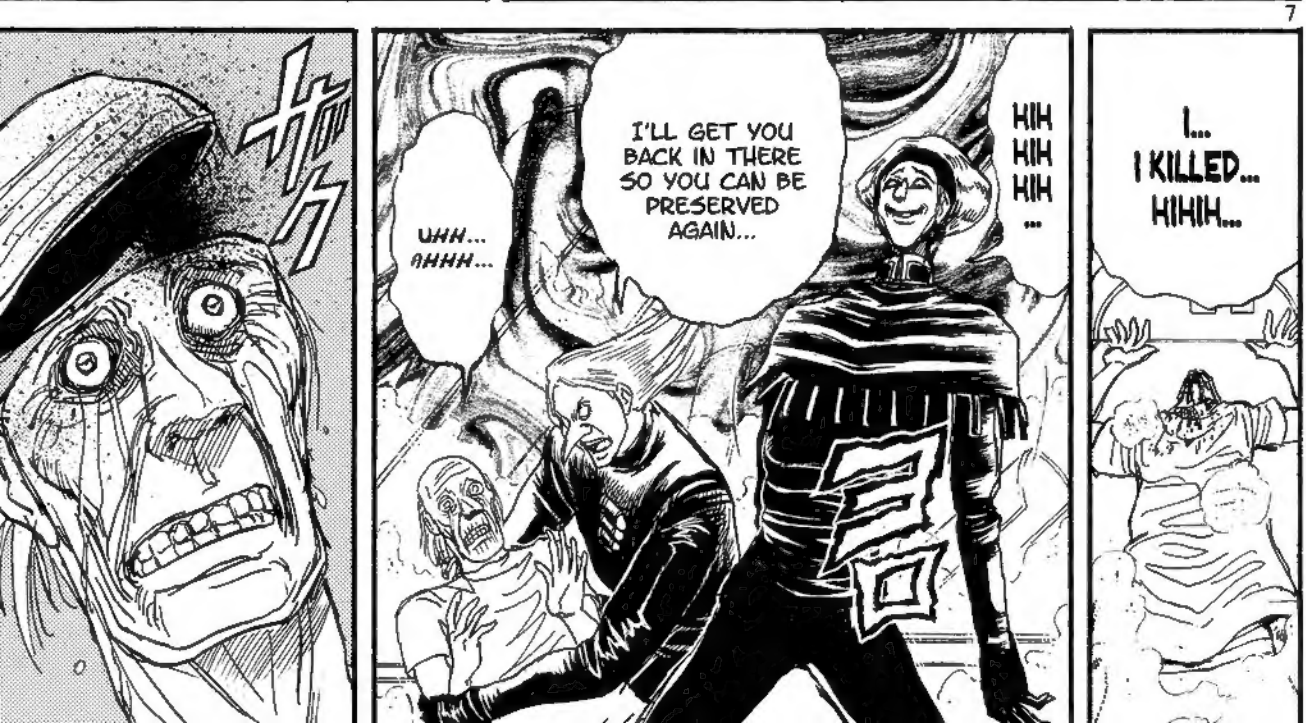
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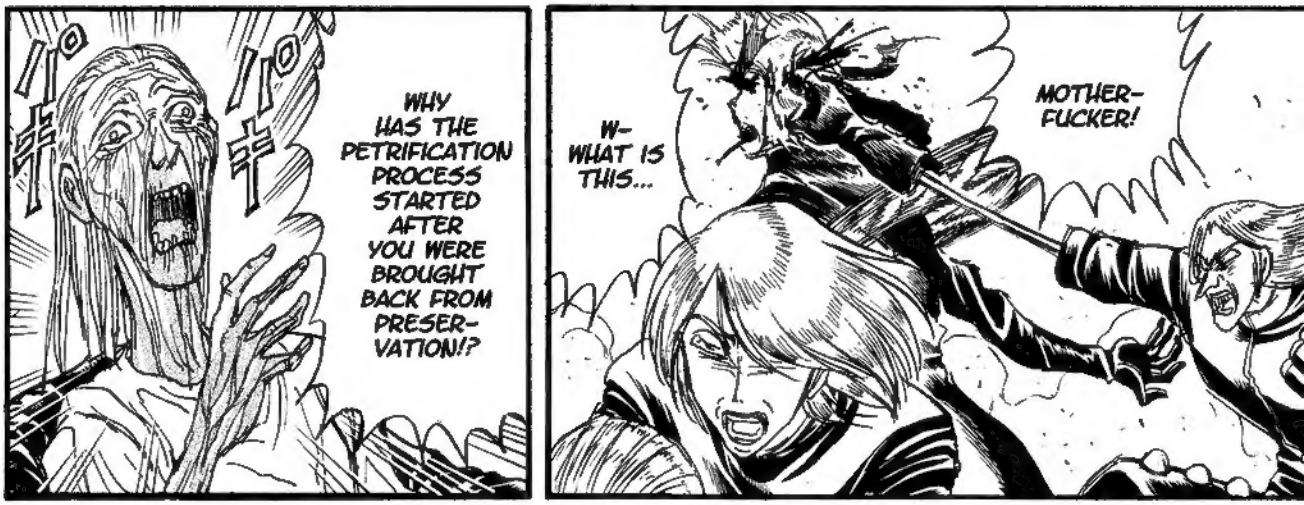
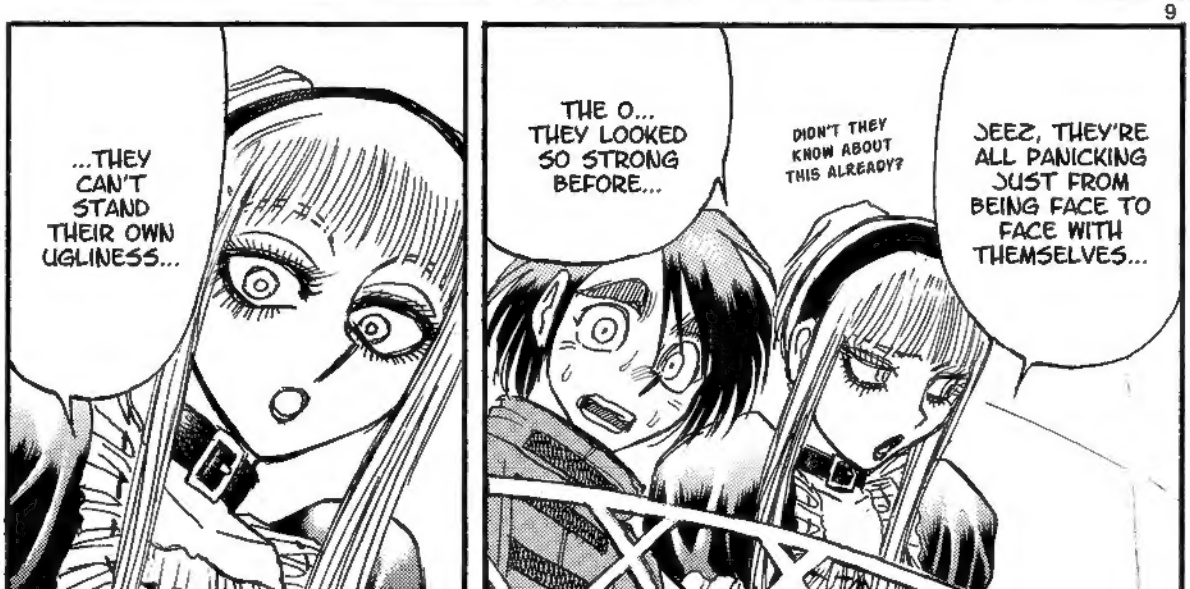
UHH... AHHH...
I'LL GET YOU BACK IN THERE SO YOU CAN BE PRESERVED AGAIN...
HIH HIH HIH ...
I... I KILLED... HIHIH...

MY REAL BODY... IS DEAD.
WHO CARES ...
AH...


WHY HAS THE PETRIFICATION PROCESS STARTED AFTER YOU WERE BROUGHT BACK FROM PRESER-VATION!?
W- WHAT IS THIS...
MOTHER-FUCKER!

STOP... I AM YOU... STAY AWAY...
AH... AHH...
I'M... I'M DYING! NOOOO...!!!
WHY... WHY ARE YOU GETTING SO CLOSE ...?
I AM... I AM...
YOU'RE ME...

WHO... AM I?


...THEY CAN'T STAND THEIR OWN UGLINESS...
THE O... THEY LOOKED SO STRONG BEFORE...
DIDN'T THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS ALREADY?
JEEZ, THEY'RE ALL PANICKING JUST FROM BEING FACE TO FACE WITH THEMSELVES...

HMMM.
NOT ALL HUMANS ARE LIKE THAT... I'M SURE...
THEY HAD FINALLY SEALED THAT FACT IN HERE...
HUMANS GROW OLD AND DIE...
AND THEY THINK THAT'S UGLY...
...YEAH.
BUT THEY'RE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS...
I STILL CAN'T MOVE, BUT... I'LL LET YOU GO FIRST TO SAVE LADY FRAN... NO, ELEONORE.
YAY. WE SHARE THE SAME OPINION AGAIN.
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BUT AT LEAST NOW YOU LIKE ME BETTER THAN THE O, RIGHT?
MY... YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME...?
COLUMBINE... SO YOU REALLY INTEND TO HELP ME...?

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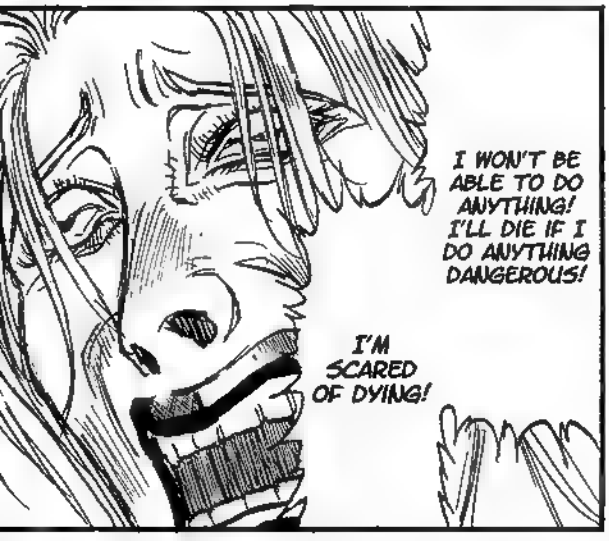
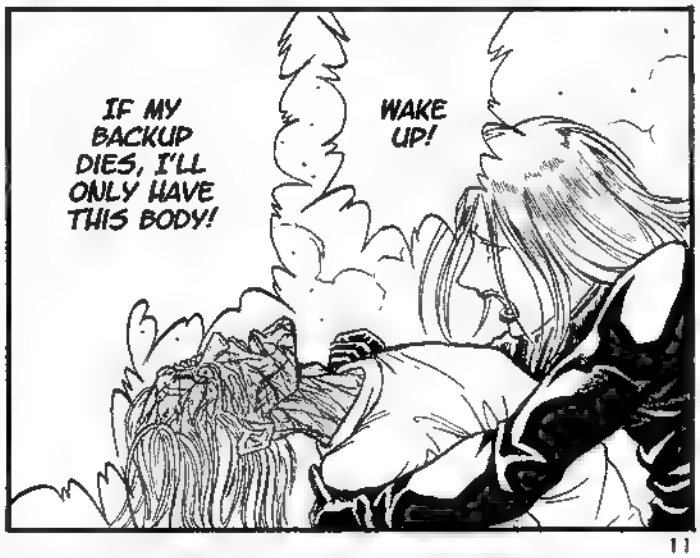

I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING! I'LL DIE IF I DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS!
I'M SCARED OF DYING!


IF MY BACKUP DIES, I'LL ONLY HAVE THIS BODY!
WAKE UP!

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I'M SCARED OF ONLY HAVING ONE LIFE!!
I'M SCARED OF AGING AND GETTING HURT...
I'M SCARED! I'M SCARED OF DYING!

DON'T LOOK!!
SAIGA MASARU!

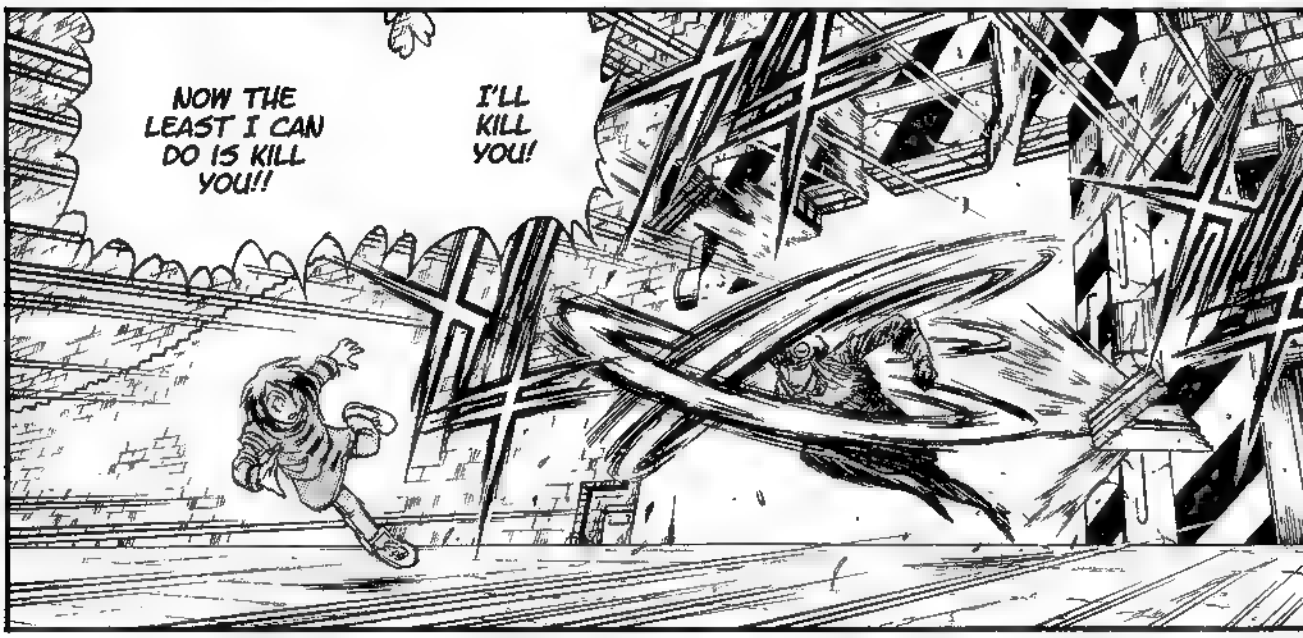
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! THIS IS ME! THE ME WHO HAD MY FAMILY KILLED BY AUTOMATA AT KROGH VILLAGE AND LIVED TO TAKE REVENGE.
MY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BODY!!

NAYA... YOUR REAL BODY...
DON'T LOOK! DAMN IT!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

AUH...
AUUH...

I WANTED TO FORGET ABOUT THIS BODY AND START ANOTHER LIFE I COULDN'T HAVE FROM SCRATCH...
YOU'RE YOUNG... YOU HAVE SO MUCH TIME AHEAD... A BRAT WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PEACEFUL TIMES...
YOU... YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON I WANTED TO SEE IT...
BUT YOU MADE ME REMEMBER IT!
A SIMPLE TOOL LIKE YOU!!
D-DISMAN-TLE...

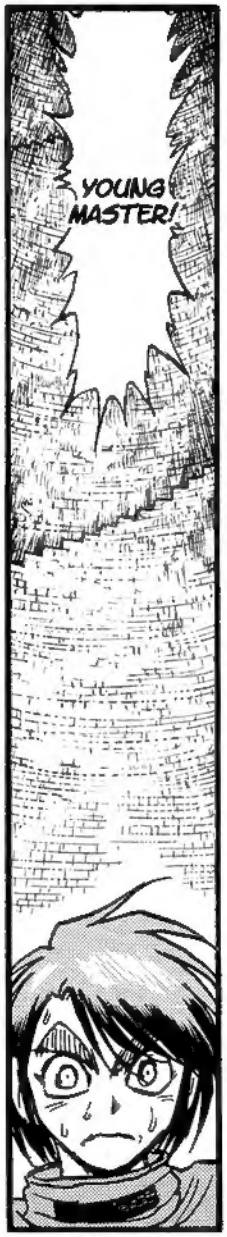
THIS IS BAD... I CAN'T STOP NAYA!
YOU MUST BE MOCKING MY TRUE BODY AFTER SEEING IT, RIGHT!? I'LL KILL YOU!!


NOW THE LEAST I CAN DO IS KILL YOU!!
I'LL KILL YOU!

AND I ONLY HAVE ONE MORE TOOL...

THIS ISN'T GOOD, I CAN'T FIND ANY GAPS!

SHIRO-GANE!
USE THIS!!


YOUNG MASTER!

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I CAN USE AS A WEAPON ANYMORE!!
D-DAMN IT!

NOW, DIE!!

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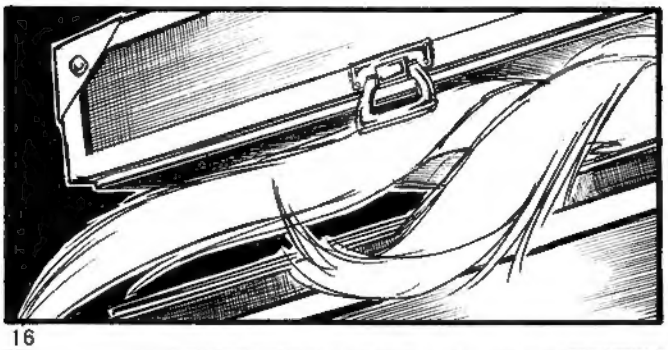
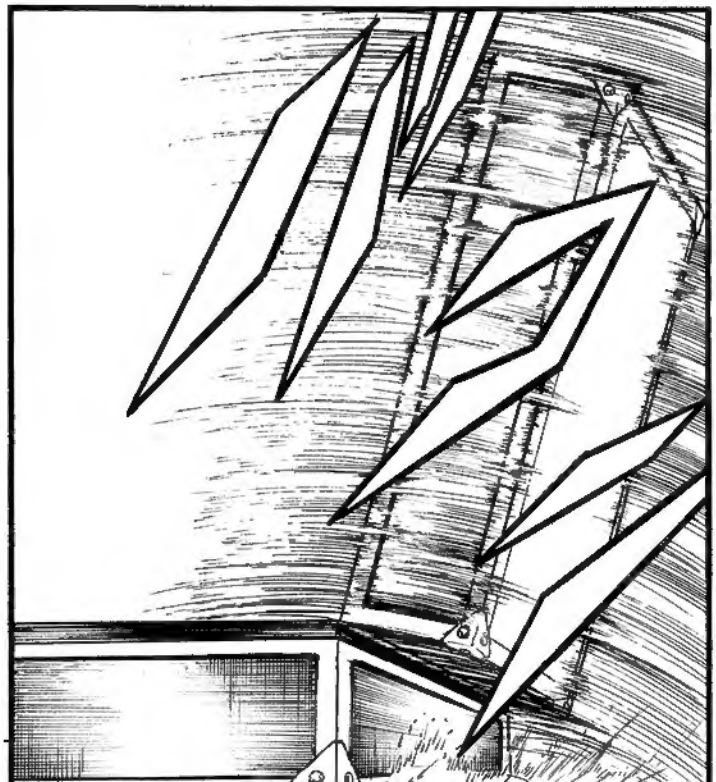
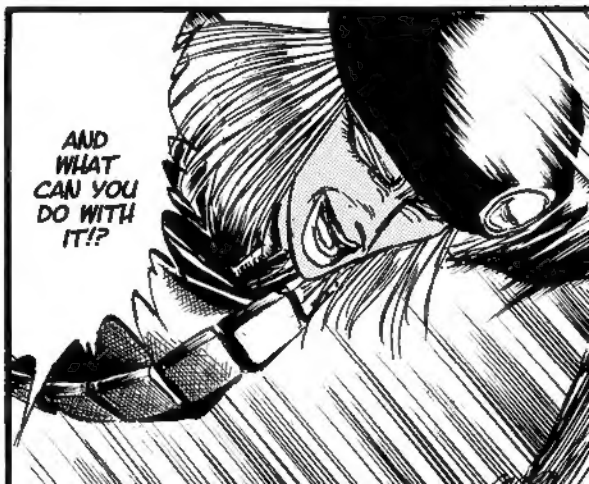


A SUIT-CASE!?



SHIRO-GANE...


AND WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT!?

USE-
LESS!
DIE!!
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ALERQUIN!!